

THE LIFE STORY OF —

# Nellie E. Mowery, 87

**Avoca** — Nellie Evelyn Mowery, daughter of Samuel and Nevada Beck McKeighan, was born near Tennant, Shelby county, on March 16, 1893.

On March 16, 1912 she married John W. Mowery in Harlan. Seven children were born to this union, two of which died in infancy. They spent most of their married years farming in Shelby and Osceola counties in Iowa. Mr Mowery died on May 15, 1966 after a long illness. Since that time Mrs Mowery had resided in Harlan. In 1974, she became a resident of the Colonial Manor Nursing Home in Avoca. Mrs Mowery was a member of the First United Methodist church of Harlan where she was also an honorary member of the Sarah Circle.

She died at the Colonial Manor Nursing Home on Wednesday, Aug. 6, 1980 at age 87 years, 4 months and 20 days.

In addition to her parents, her husband and two infant children, Mrs Mowery was preceded in death by two sisters - Mae and Lottie and four brothers - Fred, Millard, Cliff and Jimmie. Survivors include two sons - Lyle of Carlsbad, Calif., and Warren of Arnolds Park; three daughters - Lucille (Mrs Albert) Briggs of Harlan, Elva Bradford of Denver, Colo., and Wilma (Mrs Hugh) Mortensen of Harlan; eight grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren; two brothers - Ralph McKeighan of Fairmont, Minn., and Alvin McKeighan of Hesperia, Calif., and other relatives.

Funeral services were held at Pauley Funeral Home in Harlan, on Saturday, Aug. 9, 1980 with Dr. Larry LaVelle, officiating. Burial was in the Shelby cemetery, Shelby, with Max Barnes, Earl Briggs, Marvin Mowery, Kenneth Mowery, Bruce Whannell and Robert E. Lansman serving as casketbearers.